

## Personification

Everyone knows what a person is, but do you know what **personification** is? Personification is when you assign the qualities of a person to something that isn't human or, in some cases, to something that isn't even alive. There are many reasons for using personification. It can be used as a method of describing something so that others can understand. It can be used to emphasize a point. It is a commonly favored literary tool, and you may in fact use personification without even knowing it.

1. The stars **danced** playfully in the moonlit sky.
2. The run down house **appeared depressed**.
3. The first rays of morning **tiptoed** through the meadow.
4. She did not realize that opportunity **was knocking** at her door.
5. He did not realize that his last chance **was walking** out the door.
6. The bees **played hide and seek** with the flowers as they buzzed from one to another.
7. The wind **howled** its mighty objection.
8. The snow **swaddled** the earth like a mother would her infant child.
9. The river **swallowed** the earth as the water continued to rise higher and higher.
10. Time **flew** and before we knew it, it was time for me to go home.
11. The ocean waves **lashed out** at the boat and the storm continued to brew.
12. My computer **throws a fit** every time I try to use it.
13. The thunder **grumbled** like an old man.
14. The flowers **waltzed** in the gentle breeze.
15. Her life **passed** her by.
16. The sun **glared down** at me from the sky.
17. The moon **winked** at me through the clouds above.
18. The wind **sang** through the meadow.
19. The car **was suffering** and was in need of some TLC.
20. At precisely 6:30 am my alarm clock **sprang** to life.
21. The windowpanes **were talking** as the wind blew through them.
22. The ocean **danced** in the moonlight.
23. The words **leapt off** of the paper as she read the story.
24. The phone **awakened** with a mighty ring.
25. The funeral **raced by** me in a blur.
26. While making my way to my car, it **smiled at me** mischievously.
27. The car, painted lime green, **raced by screaming for attention**.
28. The butterflies in the meadow seemed to **two-step** with one another.
29. The waffle **jumped** up out of the toaster.
30. The popcorn **leapt** out of the bowl.
31. When the DVD went on sale, it **flew off** the shelves.
32. I tripped because the curb **jumped** out in front of me.
33. Time **creeps** up on you.
34. The news **took** me by surprise.
35. The fire **ran** wild.
36. The thunder **clapped angrily** in the distance.
37. The tornado **ran** through town without a care.
38. The door **protested** as it opened slowly.
39. The evil tree **was lurking** in the shadows.
40. The tree branch **moaned** as I swung from it.
41. Time **marches** to the beat of its own drum.
42. The storm **attacked** the town with great rage.
43. My life came **screeching** to a halt.
44. The baseball **screamed** all the way into the outfield.
45. The blizzard **swallowed** the town.